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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicants wish to make known to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449. Applicants note that since the application filing date is after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. patents and published patent applications are not required and accordingly have not been provided. Copies of all other cited references are enclosed. As to any reference cited, applicants do not admit that it is "prior art" under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, and specifically reserves the right to traverse or antedate any such reference, as by a showing under 37 CFR 1.131 or other method. Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with applicants' duty to disclose all information they are aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicants believe that their invention is patentable.

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application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the search report is also enclosed; it bears a mailing date of April 19, 2004, which is less than three months from today. A Notice of Allowance in this case was mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on June 29, 2004, but since the enclosed International Search Report was received less than three months ago, applicants petition the U.S. Patent Office to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

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